

DIARY NOTES

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1. [REDACTED] advised me that [REDACTED] had approached them with a suggestion that the pneumatic tube system in the new building be enlarged so as to accommodate IBM cards. It was [REDACTED]'s view that this could not be done at this time and that if we decided that it was a good idea we would have to amend our contract at some later date. This sounds logical to me.

2. At the Career Council Meeting an Agency overtime policy was finally adopted. A paper from Matt Baird asking for guidance in connection with Assessment and Evaluation Reports was considered. The Council didn't understand why this paper was really submitted and felt that we should continue to evaluate people very much the same as we were now with good judgment rather than rigid rules and regulations applying to the treatment given each individual. In the course of this discussion I learned that the Office of Training was still getting a copy of all Fitness Reports and I directed that this practice be stopped immediately. I also gathered from this discussion that there was a general feeling on the part of the Council that the Assessment and Evaluation Staff was a little overaggressive in playing the evaluation role. The Council was not at all happy at the Department of State request that we pay a tuition of \$6,000 for our representative who attends the Senior Officers' School run by the Foreign Service Institute. However, I raised this at the Deputies' Meeting on Friday and the Director did not wish to argue about this point.

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3. I had a rather lengthy discussion with [REDACTED] about the changes which he anticipates Dick Bissell is going to want to make in the Clandestine Services and the effect which it might have on our Support structure and arrangement. In short he fears that Dick will want to do away with the present concept of Career Service and that he may wish to set up an Administrative component in the DD/P Area. Vernon believes very strongly that the present system is a more effective one than we would otherwise have and it is his conviction that, disregarding any misunderstandings which might evolve between DD/P and DD/S Support elements, DD/P is actually being better supported now than it would be under any other arrangement. I told him that I did not think that we should be too alarmed about this at this stage of the game inasmuch as the Director and General Cabell both believe in our present system and I did not think that it would be changed without the most careful consideration. He is also somewhat concerned about what his point of contact should be and said that [REDACTED] was very uncertain as to what his authorities were inasmuch as [REDACTED] now appeared to be handling many of the things which he formerly handled. I cautioned Vernon to go out of his way to keep Dick [REDACTED] advised and to avoid giving him any impression that we would like to see any change. Of course, we will have to roll with the punches and deal with whatever point of contact Dick Bissell wants to designate.

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